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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE DIPLOMATIC NOTE ABOUT NEW YORK TIMES
ARTICLE

1. NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED ARTICLE
NOVEMBER 18 BY EILEEN SHANAHAN ENTITLED, "I.R.S. KEPT
WATCH ON SUBVERSIVES" WHICH TELLS OF INVESTIGATIVE GROUP
WITHIN INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, SET UP IN 1969 TO
MONITOR SOME 99 "IDEOLOGICAL, MILITANT, SUBVERSIVE AND
RADICAL" ORGANIZATIONS. NYT PRINTED ENTIRE 99-NAME LIST,
WHICH INCLUDED ORGANIZATION CALLED "SENEGALESE." NAME
"SENEGALESE" DID NOT APPEAR IN POST ARTICLE.

2. SENEGALESE EMBASSY HERE RECEIVED NUMBER OF PHONE CALLS
ON ARTICLE AND SENT INDIGNANT DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON NOV 18
TO DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR "ALL DETAILS ON THE COMPONENTS
(COMPOSANTS) OF THE ORGANIZATION." AF/W INFORMAL
TRANSLATION OF NOTE IS GIVEN BELOW. ARTICLE WILL BE IN
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NOV 20 POUCH TO DAKAR.

3. ACCORDING TO IRS SENEGALESE IS SMALL DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION WITH NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH COUNTRY OF SENEGAL. IRS IS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO DISCLOSE

MEMBERSHIP OR HEADQUARTERS OF ORGANIZATION. DEPT WILL FOLLOW UP TO GAIN MORE DETAILS ON ORGANIZATION.

4. AMBASSADOR COULBARY WAS INFORMED OF IRS' EXPLANATION. DEPARTMENT PLANS FORMAL REPLY TO NOTE WHEN COMPLETE STORY IS IN.

5. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL AF/W TRANSLATION OF SENEGALESE DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON SUBJECT, (UNNECESSARY WORDS REMOVED).

SENEGALESE EMBASSY PRESENTS WITH COMPLIMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE (AF/W) AND REFERS TO ARTICLE PUBLISHED TODAY IN NEW YORK TIMES UNDER TITLE, "I.R.S. KEEP (SIC) WATCH ON SUBVERSIVES", AND HAS HONOR TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOLLOWING:

ABOVE MENTIONED ARTICLE WRITTEN BY EILEEN SHANAHAN RELATES CREATION IN AUGUST 1969 OF A SPECIAL IRS GROUP RESPONSIBLE ON ORDERS OF PRESIDENCY (LA PRESIDENCE) FOR SURVEILLANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS CALLED SUBVERSIVE, MILITANT AND RADICAL. ALPHABETICAL LIST OF GROUPS IN QUESTION PUBLISHED IN BODY OF THE SAME ARTICLE MENTIONS AMONG OTHERS ONE CALLED "SENEGALESE".

SENEGALESE EMBASSY IS ASTONISHED TO SEE IN LIST OF SUBVERSIVE ASSOCIATIONS AN ASSOCIATION WHOSE NAME INVOKES IN EYES OF AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL OPINION TOTALITY OF SENEGALESE RESIDING IN UNITED STATES. THE EMBASSY OF SENEGAL CONSIDERS SUCH A SITUATION: A) CONTRARY TO NATURE OF RELATIONS WHICH UNITE UNITED STATES AND SENEGAL, B) IN COMPLETE CONTRADICTION WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT EMBASSY HAS GIVEN TO ALL ITS NATIONALS, IS STRONGLY PREJUDICIAL TO INTERESTS OF SENEGAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY SENEGALESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ALL THE MORE AS EMBASSY HAS ABSOLUTELY NO KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SUCH ASSOCIATION AND THAT NYT ARTICLE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY OTHER DAILIES.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS AND IN EXECUTION OF FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM ITS GOVERNMENT, SENEGALESE EMBASSY REQUESTS STATE DEPARTMENT TO SHED LIGHT ON THIS AFFAIR (FAIRE LA LUMIERE) AND FURNISH IT WITH DETAILS ON THE COMPONENTS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND ON REASONS

WHICH PROVOKED THE ATTITUDE OF THE ADMINISTRATION. IF
PROVEN TO BE TRUE SENEGALESE NATIONALS AS WELL AS OUR
GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS. COMPLIMENTARY
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